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■ WAINFLEET LEVEE

Mayor listening
 to local residents

MARYANNE FIRTH
 InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — With pen and paper in hand, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs was ready to take note of any residents' concerns.

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■ PORT COLBORNE LEVEE: Badaway says city will be busy

'Hit the ground running:' mayor



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Port Colborne Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet, left, and Mayor Vance Badaway, right, discuss roadway issues with resident George Bosak during the new year levee at city hall.

MARYANNE FIRTH
 InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — "Got your running shoes on?"

It's the question Mayor Vance Badaway posed to Port Colborne city councillors who walked through the doors of council chambers last Sunday. Council plans to "hit the ground running" in 2011, he said while hosting the new year levee.

"It's going to be a busy year."

Residents made their way to city hall Sunday to discuss issues with the mayor and councillors, meet the new faces now sitting at the horseshoe and to hear the plan of action for 2011.

While there are a number of issues council is hoping to tackle this year, Badaway said "our biggest priority continues to be health care."

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■ WAINFLEET

A chance to hear the concerns of residents

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Along with the township's aldermen — Richard Dykstra, Ted Hiesels, Betty Kone and David Wyatt — Jeffs held the annual new year levee in council chambers last Saturday afternoon.

The levee, a first for the newly-elected Jeffs, allows Wainfleet residents the opportunity to speak with members of township council, share their thoughts, ask questions and get to know those who are representing them at the municipal level.

For Jeffs, it was not only an opportunity to meet those she had missed along the campaign trail in last fall's election, but also a chance to hear the issues constituents hoped to see her and council tackle this year.

"I want to take as detailed notes as possible so I can bring any concerns forward to the proper channels," Jeffs told *The Tribune*, taking a momentary break from the many residents vying for her time.

■ PORT COLBORNE

Economic development is at the top of council's 2011 agenda

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The city will continue to ensure the Ministry of Health, Niagara Health System, and Local Health Integration Network recognize the health care needs both in Port Colborne and the rest of the region, he said.



Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs, left, listens to the concerns of resident Valerie Caster during the new year levee held at council chambers last Saturday afternoon.

"I definitely want to hear what they have to say," She said she enjoyed the

levee format, a more informal gathering that allows constituents to "put a face to

the name" of those who were elected. "Wainfleet is so small, it's

like a neighbourhood, one big family," Jeffs said.

She said the relaxed atmo-

sphere of the levee "main-tains that flavour of Wainfleet, of a close community."

Jeffs also said that such a get-together "empowers people" when they can go directly to the mayor or aldermen to discuss their problems.

Though she could not predict the issues that would come forward on Saturday, Jeffs said there were a few prominent topics she heard while going door-to-door during the election campaign that she expected would reappear.

As Jeffs had predicted, residents discussed concerns with sewer and water in the township, of wind farms potentially moving to the area, and of proposed road name changes.

Many residents also came forward with more "individualized" concerns, Jeffs said, which she was happy to add to her growing list of items to look into.

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"This is not going to go away," Badawey said, adding that the fight will continue on "as long as it takes to solidify equitable access to health care for all."

Throughout the upcoming year council will also be keeping economic develop-ment "front and centre" on

its agenda.

Both Port Colborne and Niagara as a whole have a lot to offer, Badawey said, adding it's just a matter of the municipalities using their strengths to promote the region's assets.

"We are putting in place initiatives to try and stimulate the economy," he said

in pointing out that several Community Improvement Plans being established throughout Port Colborne.

Work to both maintain and improve Port Colborne's infrastructure will also be a priority this year, Badawey said.

"At the end of the day, the infrastructure here needs to

be maintained.... It's unacceptable to have pipes in the ground from 1920s."

Facilities that are unable to "offer the level of service" needed in the city will be replaced, he said.

The new multi-use sports complex with two arenas and a pool will be tendered this month, with a deci-

sion expected by council in February. If all goes as planned, construction will begin in March or April of this year.

"Council, staff, they're up for it. We're all ready to go," Badawey said of the year ahead.

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■ **BIG PIPE:** High cost

Service debate on tap in Wainfleet

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Cost. That's what it comes down to for Betty Konec when talking about the water and sewer servicing project — the Big Pipe — for the lakeshore area of the township.

Konec has been tackling the issue for the past six years as a private citizen and now will come at it from the political side as an alderman for Wainfleet (she was elected to council this past October).

The Big Pipe project, which could see water/sewer lines run the length of Lakeshore Rd. through the township, is estimated to cost at least \$83 million.

"That's a huge cost and it's just a preliminar y cost," says Konec. "People may be forced to sell their homes because they can't afford to stay in them."

Depending on how close a home is to the pipe, the cost of running water/sewer lines from home



Betty Konec

to main could be very high. In the east, Niagara Region has said it could be \$20,000 to hook up a home.

That's a cost that would be borne by homeowners.

Newly elected Mayor April Jeffs told people across the township have made it clear they do not want the Big Pipe to help solve the municipality's water quality problem and they told her it would be too expensive for everyone in the township.

Jeffs and Konec both said with Wainfleet sitting on very hard rock, costs to install the pipe along the road could actually increase.

"The lakeshore area sits on chert and it is very hard rock.



File photo

The Big Pipe project, which could see water/sewer lines run the length of Lakeshore Rd. through the township, is estimated to cost at least \$83 million. That's a cost that Wainfleet residents can't afford, say the mayor and one alderman.

Blasting through that rock or using other methods is not cheap," said Konec.

Though the pipe is still just a proposal, the project has already cost Niagara taxpayers more than \$2 million in studies.

The cost of the proposed project to date and potential future costs may not fly with regional councillors, says Konec, especially those newly-elected.

The alderman, one of the founders of Wainfleet Ratepayers Association which was formed to fight the Big Pipe, questions the need of the pipe in general.

Homes along the lakeshore have been under a boil water advisory for nearly four years now because of health and safety issues relating to contaminated groundwater due to leaking septic systems, but not all homes are affected by the problem.

Konec says there are 1,250 properties along the lakeshore and figures show at least two-thirds of those homes have potable water, so installing an estimated \$83-million pipeline for the other third doesn't make any sense.

Jeffs has heard the same figures as Konec.

"It tells me the Big Pipe is not the solution. There seems to be pockets of problems," says Jeffs.

She says broken or leaking septic systems can be repaired or replaced.

Konec says that would make much more sense and be far cheaper in the long run. Installing water purification/treatment systems on wells would also be another way to ensure no one becomes sick because of possible contamination.

"The Muskoka Lakes area had the same problem. What they did was went up on side of the road inspecting septic

systems and had people fix or replace them. The next year they went down the other side of the road and did the same," Konec says.

Inspections take place every other year in Muskoka Lakes. Konec says there's no reason that couldn't be done in Wainfleet.

Another measure taken in that area was a development freeze, something that could also be done along the lakeshore in the township.

Jeffs says residents are afraid the Big Pipe along the lakeshore would lead to more development and people don't want to see that

happen.

"It's a genuine concern," she adds.

Konec would like council to repeal a bylaw agreeing to an environmental assessment along the lakeshore and for township staff to start researching the issue.

There's no reason, she says, Wainfleet couldn't go the route of Muskoka Lakes and take care of everything on its own.

"Council would have to have the will to do that."

During the last council meeting, she advised her fellow aldermen she'll be bringing forward a notice of motion on Jan. 11 on the water and sewer servicing project, though she did not say what the motion would entail.

The mayor, who was on the water and sewer servicing project public liaison committee, believes there is a home-grown solution to the problem.

She says council seems to be on the same page when it comes to the issue.

"We can get township staff to start looking into solution."

Jeffs says studies already conducted by the region would be a good starting point for Wainfleet staff.

"They would give us a better handle on things — we can find some value in them and see which direction we need to take."

"We need to make informed decisions, what the best fit is for the lakeshore and the rest of the township and what is the best interest of the lakeshore community."

She says whatever is decided, council has to engage the community in the decision-making process.

"Some people have already asked me if we really have a say in this. We have been told that it will be up to Wainfleet on the direction we'd like to take on this issue," says Jeffs.

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ourview Reviving a highway

Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Leader Tim Hudak has brought the mid-peninsula corridor highway back to life.

Hudak, who is Niagara West-Glanbrook MPP, said the highway is needed, despite the fact a provincial study concluded it wasn't necessary.

"I want to revive the mid-peninsula corridor," he said recently when talking about his priorities for 2011. "It would create badly needed jobs and economic growth for the region."

The party leader said the highway would not only create jobs, but create a vital transportation link for the region and the province.

"The highway has had support from Niagara politicians and business leaders, but in the summer a draft study by the Ministry of Transportation said the four-lane super-highway won't be necessary for at least 20 years.

Liberal C. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley dismissed Hudak's idea last week.

"We've invested heavily into the expansion of the QEW to improve transportation in Niagara," Bradley said. "I think the message indicated clearly we don't need a new highway right now."

Bradley is right, transportation has improved in Niagara, at least for Niagara north.

South Niagara still lacks a major transportation link to the QEW and beyond.

Yes, Hwy. 406 is expanding to four lanes between Port Robinson and East Main St. in Welland, but that expansion is years behind where it should be.

Hudak's party promised an expansion of that highway nearly a decade ago, but it never went forward. And while the Liberals are moving ahead on expansion, it still does nothing for the southern end of the region.

Even when the 406 is complete, the only connection to Port is Hwy. 140. That highway is still two lanes wide and though it recently was repaved in the Port Colborne, it would have to be expanded to accommodate more traffic.

A link through the middle of the region would make it easy for goods to be moved in and out of the region and help Port Colborne and Port Erie. It could also help ease congestion on the QEW.

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Let's understand last year's study said the highway wasn't necessary, but ask the business of Fort Erie and Port Colborne what they think and we're sure you'll find they're in agreement with Hudak.

If it's Hudak and his party are elected next time around, we'll see how high of a priority it truly is.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

FR. DAVID GRAHAM SCOTT
St. Ignace of Antioch Orthodox Church

January 6 is the date for celebrating Christ's Epiphany or appearance to the world. For those Orthodox like the Ukrainians who follow the old calendar, Epiphany comes thirteen days later on January 19. For Antiochian Orthodox, fixed feast days like Christmas and Epiphany are celebrated according to the new calendar, which is used in civil society.

Among western churches Epiphany marks the arrival of the magi or wise men to worship Christ in Joseph's Bethlehem house (Matthew 2). Eastern Orthodox celebrated the arrival of the magi along with the shepherds at Christ's Nativity. We celebrated Christ's naming and his "luk mitzvah" at the age of 12 on January 17 (Luke 2:21 & 39-40). For us, therefore, January 6 marks the celebration of Christ's appearance to the world as John baptizes him in the River Jordan.

Two miraculous events took place at Jesus' baptism. The heavens opened

and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." These declarations evoke the royal psalm 2 and the Suffering Servant passage of Isaiah 42.

For the Church Christ's baptism revealed that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one in essence, three in persons or hypostases. And so we baptize in the Name (note the singular) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

First, baptism symbolizes death and resurrection, and Christ came to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification—for for being made right with God. Christ's willingness to die for us shows his solidarity with the human race.

Second, baptism is a symbol of repentance of sin and its forgiveness.

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To the "Angels of God" who work at NorthPointe, our deepest gratitude.

The Domestucci and Nuccitelli families
Port Colborne

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Each household received a generous food hamper, a ham and a food voucher for meat, poultry, fruits, fruit and produce.

Santa's Helpers was established 1967, and is an entirely volunteer group with a single objective to assemble and distribute food boxes, new toys and gifts to those families registered through the central registry.

The Santa's Helpers committee wishes everyone a happy and prosperous 2011.

Mieke Van Es
Co-ordinator, Santa's Helpers
Port Colborne

Be factual

Re: Sharing the air [Jan. 7].

Considering that InPort News is receiving tax subsidized incentives from the

For Christ came as the Lamb of God to take upon himself the sin of the world in order to take it away. And my commitment to turn away from sin and turn to God opens my heart to God, who will change me day by day (2 Cor 4:16) to be more faithful and loving like his Son Jesus.

Third, baptism is a symbol of sanctification—of being made holy. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Christ showed that he is the One whom John prophesied would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. What is more, Christ came to sanctify the whole of creation.

And fourth, baptism is a symbol of radical renewal. When one is baptized, the old is over and the new has come (Romans 6). A chapter in life is ended and a new chapter begun. Christ has appeared on earth to bring all things ultimately to an end and to make all things new.

Baptism therefore contains in symbol the entire mystery of Christ and the whole purpose of his coming. Epiphany and baptism are good news indeed.

Ontario government, to the tune of 400% over the current market value for what they claim their turbines will produce, I think it should be incumbent on any spokesperson talking for the company to at least be factual.

I think the Wainfleet public have a right to know exactly what is meant by the comment with regard to moving the proposed turbine sites, quote: "Due to setbacks and the availability of property, that's not possible".

Items such as setbacks for offshore turbines have recently been increased, by both Denmark and the U.K., to 10 and 12 kilometres respectively; Ontario, however, still calls five kilometres its 'safe' for offshore turbines.

Extending power lines to those distances offshore cannot possibly be as simple or economical as extending safe setbacks onshore, so safe, onshore setbacks are no practical or engineering problem.

Availability of property is not IPC Energen's concern, it should only be the concern of Wainfleet, its residents and its property owners.

If IPC Energen cannot find appropriate land to purchase in order to protect Wainfleet residents and their businesses they certainly do not have the right just to ignore them.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

To actually claim that even considering moving the sites concerned is "not possible" is patently not true.

To add insult to injury, IPC Energy's spokesperson then goes on to whine, quote: "We'd also take a loss."

I thought wind energy was all about the environment, free wind energy and being green? IPC Energy and other wind energy companies are already being subsidized to an excessive extent by the already overburdened Ontario taxpayer yet are still complaining they can't make enough profit? Perhaps they are in the wrong business?

And it is strange that in spite of the fact IPC Energy have not yet confirmed a promised second public meeting in Wainfleet, and before announcing the final plans and sites for the proposed turbines, they are already stating that regarding these as yet unconfirmed sites, moving these unconfirmed sites "is not possible"? Perhaps I'm missing something?

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

Who's really creating the turbulence?

Re: *Sharing the Jan. 17*.

It is interesting to see the number of articles that have been written regarding the Burnaby Skydive club and its concerns with two of the wind turbines that are located 1.7 km from its landing zone. What is interesting is the fact that there has been no investigation into these claims and concerns raised

by Skydive Burnaby's Mike Pitt.

We have taken the time to read the attached Parachute Information Manual put out by the Canadian Sport Parachuting Association which clearly outlines the safety requirements for landing zones.

This can be found on page 8 of the manual and it states there are as follows.

3.1 Drop zone clearances:

Areas used for regular parachuting operations shall be unobstructed, with the following minimum distances from the target in every direction to the nearest hazard: Student, Solo, A & B CoP holders 325 ft, 100m, C and D CoP holders 80 ft 25m

Hazards are defined as: Transmission lines, open bodies of water, fences, over 2.5 metres in height, towers buildings, golfposts and lamp standards, well traveled roadways, trees, above canopy height and large forested areas.

Even considering the height and size of the turbines, I think that 1,700 m is more than sufficient to qualify as clearance from obstructions.

You could literally build the SkyDome at that distance and it would not be considered an obstruction.

There are also many other safety features in the manual such as maximum wind speed for novice jumpers and height for deploying the chutes. If Mike Pitt is observing the rules in this manual, then there should be absolutely no problem operating his jump school safely with these turbines at 1.7 km from his landing zone. He has also stated that turbulence would have an effect on the drops.

However, this is passive turbulence from the turbines, the extent of which would be at least 1 km from the drop zone in high wind conditions.

These turbines are being pushed by the wind. They are not fans driving the wind and therefore turbulence is minimal at worst.

I cannot believe that Mr. Pitt does not clearly understand that his position is not rational and I am disappointed nobody from the press has actually investigated his claims to see if they are merited.

This makes me mad! — what are Mr. Pitt's true motives? He has managed to create quite a stir in the community over a non-issue.

John Andrews
President, IPC Energy
Mississauga

A little common sense

Thanks to the president of IPC Energy for enlightening us on the "non-issue" of wind turbines and Skydive Burnaby. Unfortunately, it seems to me Wainfleet is full of "non-issues" depending on who you talk to.

Be that as it may, I am disturbed by the fact, that as a municipality, we

have a say in what happens to us, but once a body of people more senior to those who are elected here decide that something is going to be done, then we can jump through all kinds of hoops for years and years enabling other people to make money off us.

I'm getting tired of this.

If the Ontario Green Energy Act says we have the turbines, then why are we wasting our time going to meeting after meeting on the subject?

We "lucked out" in Ontario and got a premier who set up agreements to pay many times the going rate for "green energy" from solar and windmills, while ignoring the fact that fossil fuel plants must run too in order to provide instant backup when the sun goes down or the wind drops, or both. He justifies this while wearing a reasonably straight face and without asking us, the people living here, what we want or need.

Or maybe he did. Who knows? I don't know about you, but I resent the fact that I have to watch the clock to do basic household chores in my own home. With all the b.s. in the world, something should be done to make life more enjoyable. No wonder so many people are ill.

Time to get priorities straight and

that is our environment, since, if we keep on doing what we're doing, then heaven help us all. A little common sense would help.

Pat Cusack
Wainfleet

How many turbines are in the works?

It's nice to see the president of IPC Energy prepared to do his homework and overnight become enough of an "expert" on skydiving and operating a skydive club to denigrate and insult someone who has been involved with this activity/business all of his life. It would be so refreshing to hear Andrews' views on the 70-plus municipalities, many already suffering from these industrial wind turbines, currently demanding that our provincial government introduce a moratorium on any further industrial wind turbines until independent, open and transparent investigations are carried out to assess the potential health risks to those living close to such turbines and the potential devaluation of a citizens most valuable asset, their homes.

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The scent hounds of Group 2 – part 4

The Rhodesian Ridgeback was originally known as the African Lion Dog. He is the only breed recognized as originating in South Africa. He was developed from the aggressive semi-wild dogs owned by the Zulu and native tribes of early times.

A South African big game hunter wanted dogs that he could use to hunt lions. So he developed what he called



Sandie Bingley
IT'S A
DOGS' LIFE

his Lion Dogs back in the 1900's. He wanted a large dog with speed, scenting ability, endurance, agility and biting power. They looked like a small Great Dane with a fearless ability to hunt lions.

He could run a pack of three dogs and they would chase down even a group of five lions.

These dogs are also the only breed of dog with a ridge of hair growing backwards down the middle of their backs with two circles at the top. It looks some what like a dagger on their backs.

As the breed developed the name was changed to the Rhodesian Ridgeback as the original name gave

the impression of a savage, ferocious animal. They are great family dogs, easy to care for and easy to train. They are dignified, aloof with strangers and great protectors of home and family.

The Otterhound originated in Britain and has a different look than most hounds as he has a very dense, rough, shaggy coat. He was developed to hunt down the river otters that were eating up great quantities of fish in

the rivers and streams.

The Otterhound has a great scenting nose and great stamina and he can swim for hours on end even in the coldest water. But once the otter became a protected species, the Otterhound was out of a job so he needed to be retrained. He then developed a talent to hunt mink, raccoons, and even bear and mountain lions successfully. He is very energetic, and loves to be active. He needs lots of water play to be happy but he is very even tempered and is faithfully devoted to people.

The Northern European hounds have a different look than most of the hounds that have dropped ears and loose lips. These hounds have a fox or wolf like appearance and a tail with a tight curl over their backs. They have a thick, dense coat to suit the climate of the northern countries. These northern breeds are known as "spitz type dogs."

The Norwegian Elkhound is the national dog of Norway. He originally hunted moose in Norway. But his name got translated to Elkhound instead of Moosehound.

He is a very old breed that was used by the Vikings. He is a "spitz" type dog that looks somewhat like a small, square German Shepherd Dog with a tail that curls up over his back. He is dark in colour. The Vikings used him to hunt moose but they also used him to herd the flocks, guard the flocks and hunt

other animals such as elk, lynx, bobcats and even bears.

Although a great, fearless hunter, he is devoted to his master. He is a wonderful family dog today and is known for being very good with children. He makes a great house pet but does enjoy being outdoors in all types of weather.

The Finnish Spitz is the national dog of Finland. He has a beautiful reddish-gold coat and is the size and shape of a red fox. He has a furry tail that curls up tight over his back. The Finnish Spitz was used in past centuries to hunt everything from squirrels to bears. He is also good at hunting feathered game as well.

Today they have become very popular as family pets as he is a good house dog, great with children and also a fearless guardian. Hopefully there won't be any squirrels living in the trees around his house as his ancient hunting skills will be triggered.

Now the final hounds are seldom seen here in North America. These hounds have names that won't be familiar to you.

The Drever, the Harrier, the Norwegian Lundehund and the Norrbottenspets come from Britain, Norway and Sweden. You can use the internet to learn about them. Good luck with your search.

Next time we will move to the dogs of Group 3 – the Working Group



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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 5

Even within the wind energy industry there are now suggestions that perhaps a minimum set back distance from homes should be set at up to three kilometres. IPC Energy claims that 500 metres is safe and will not negatively impact health or property values.

Recent reports also suggest that the same wind energy industry now accepts that following the erection of hundreds of these across rural parts of Ontario, there is a possibility that up to 15% of a community living in too close proximity to industrial wind turbines may be negatively affected.

It would also be nice to know just how many industrial

wind turbines companies like IPC plan on putting up?

The wind energy industry claims it will be able to supply perhaps 30% of Ontario's energy needs by 2030. Today, with a daily growing array of industrial wind turbines spreading across the rural and agricultural landscape, they provide just 3% total capacity. They actually supply less than 1% of the province's energy requirements.

The "experts" within the wind energy industry must know just how many more they will need to provide a 30% capacity? The communities targeted for future industrial wind turbines deserve that information at the very least.

Andrew Watts
Warriford

■ **JUNIORS:** It may not be gold, but it's still a precious medal ...

There's silver in them there duffle bags

It was one hell of a party. For two periods, anyway.

Then the Russians pulled out their guns and began shooting.

Suddenly, the party was over. And the wounded were many among the thousands at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo.

But it was an amazing day, last



George Duma
BY GEORGE

Wednesday was.

The gold medal game at the

World Junior Hockey Championship was all one could expect it to be and more.

It was thrilling, goose-bump inducing and, finally, heart-wrenching and heart-breaking.

How else to describe an event that saw thousands upon thousands of Canadians dressed in red and white — us included — sitting in the stands cheering on their young lads. And emphasis on young.

These boys are all teenagers. Let's never lose sight of that.

Through two periods they carried the hopes of an entire nation on their shoulders proudly.

They earned an amazing, talented Russian hockey club by

sheer will, determination and hard work.

They built a 3-0 lead and had most in the building simply waiting for the end of the game so we could watch the gold medals being hung on their necks.

It was euphoric.

The second intermission was an ongoing party, one where fans were relaxed and high-living one another throughout the arena. It was over.

All the boys had to do was continue playing their game and it didn't matter if they scored another goal or not.

They were riding a wave. Then came the third period.

The wave hit shore.

The Russian boys scored a goal. Then, 13 seconds later, another.

Suddenly, it's a brand new hockey game — with overtime looming.

And I'm thinking, well overtime would be pretty cool.

Just not a shootout, that's not a fair way to determine a gold medal. Too much pressure on the goaltenders.

As a former one myself and stepped to one, I can understand just how lonely a place the goal crease must be for a goalie in a shootout.

Never had to face that myself, or watch our boy in that situation, thank goodness.

see DUMA page 8



GEORGE DUMA InPort News photo

Hockey icon Scotty Bowman, centre, gets set to drop the ceremonial puck prior to the Canada-Russia game last Wednesday.

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A dream come true for a junior hockey fan

FROM PAGE 7

Now, as an arm-chair critic who has never coached hockey in his life and has no right whatsoever to question Canada's coach

Dave Cameron, the question still begs asking: why not call a timeout and settle the youngsters down after the Russians scored two quick goals?
Just saying.

Instead, Coach Cameron waits until the third one goes by Mark Visentin — normally the goalie for the Niagara Ice Dogs — before calling one and getting his boys over to the bench.

By that time, of course, it's too late. The horses are long gone. It's far too late to shut the barn door.

Two more goals and it's all over: The third period turns into a reprise of The Russians

Are Coming. The Russians Are Coming.

We stay for the medal preparations but we are few. We are only a very few thousand of us left, maybe 7,000 at best.

The rest choose to sit on the Peace Bridge and wait to clear customs rather than watch the Russian lads wear gold.

But hey, joy is joy. And it was heartwarming to watch the unadulterated joy of the boys as they came to the full realization they were world champions. For many of them, this will stand out as the single most memorable period of their lives. And why not? They beat the favoured Canadians on what, basically, was their home soil.

Buffalo, Ont., indeed. Almost all the Russian boys behaved with class. One or two made rude gestures to the crowd but they were overshadowed by the majority of teammates who gave away sticks and gloves to the kids who stayed to watch the medal presentations.

The preparations for this tournament began more than two-and-a-half years ago.

As Michael Gilbert, director of public relations for the Buffalo Sabres explained to Buffalo's *EyeWitness*

News recently, "We put a bid package together. Our owner, Tom Golsano, made a seven-figure guarantee to USA Hockey to win the bid and that helped.

The fact that we hosted the Winter Classic here, as well

as the support we have in Buffalo for our Sabre games is what put it over the edge and helped us seal the deal". And, of course, the proximity to Canada and the thousands who would cross the Niagara River to come.

Visitors from around the world flocked to Western New York to more than 30 hockey games in 11 days. The economic impact throughout the region was estimated to come in as high as \$100 million.

So in the final analysis, the entire event was a huge success.

And hey, we beat the U.S. team to get to the gold medal game before losing to the Russians. Call it a tradeoff, seeing as how the U.S. beat us last year in Saskatoon in overtime to claim the gold.

Was it fun? Oh my God! It was the absolute finest Christmas gift anyone has ever given me. And parking prices were reasonable, not the gouging \$60 earlier in the tournament.

It was more than fun. It was a dream-come-true for a junior hockey fan.

And I have my best friend and game companion to thank for that.

George Duma is a resident of Port Colborne and has spent 30 years in the newspaper business. He welcomes comments and column suggestions and can be reached at:

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■ **BUSINESS:** April Jeffs invited to meet as small business owner

Wainfleet mayor meets with PM Harper



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Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs stands with Prime Minister Stephen Harper during his visit to Welland last week. Jeffs was invited to meet with Harper as a small business owner.

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — It's not every day you get a call from the Prime Minister's office or invited to sit with him at a business forum.

But Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs had both and got to sit down with Stephen Harper last Friday.

"I was shocked," Jeffs, said of the phone call and invitation. She was one of eight people who were part of a business forum with the prime minister at Blue Star Restaurant.

"I was recommended by Rick Dykstra (St. Catharines MP) to be part of the forum and talk about business and the economy," said the owner of April Jeffs Lakeside Studio in Wainfleet.

Not only did she talk about her business, but she also spoke about her husband Mike's business — Jeffs Landscaping and Tree

Service.

"Referencing our businesses — landscaping and photography — we have both been self-employed for over a decade and have gained experience both through hands-on and education and had managed to increase our businesses to a point where we were able to charge accordingly and invest back into our businesses," Jeffs told Harper on Friday.

"We didn't notice a decrease in our particular businesses right away and actually had a bit of false sense of security that we may not be affected. But toward the end of 2009, we began to notice a difference," she also told him.

While at the forum, Jeffs brought up comments from a Wainfleet business — D&D Diamond Cutting and Coring — as well.

That business said the stimulus money spent by the federal government was

a good shot in the arm, but added the private sector still isn't spending money.

Even though she was invited to speak from a business perspective, Jeffs took the opportunity with the prime minister to bring up municipal business.

She spoke about aging infrastructure, taxes and how federal government programs have helped out.

"We appreciate the federal government taking an active role with municipal government over the last few years," she said.

"It was a good discussion ... the prime minister listened to what we had to say."

Jeffs said Harper was "great" and was also "very funny", making a few jokes while talking with the group.

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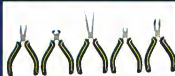
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■ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Looking at future

South Niagara mayors to address gateway's key benefits

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

FORT ERIE — Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey wants to discuss the direction Niagara's economic development will be heading in the coming four years.

"With Niagara being designated by the province as a gateway economic centre ... what does that mean?" he says.

"It's a title, but what's the substance of it? What does it do for existing industry and how can it help attract new industry?"

On Thursday, Feb. 3, Badawey will be joined by Welland Mayor Barry

Sharpe, Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs, Fort Erie Mayor



Jim Diodati

Doug Martin and Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati to discuss efforts to bring prosperity back to south Niagara, and the region as a

whole. The four chambers of commerce representing the six municipalities are teaming up to organize the fourth annual Mayors of South

Niagara Luncheon, being held at Bridgewater Country Club on Gilmore Rd. in Fort Erie.



Doug Martin

incentives to investors. His efforts to bring another designation to the area — a designation as a "foreign trade zone" — could mean even more

incentives can be offered to new and existing industries, he says.



Dave Augustyn

upcoming luncheon with Badawey a few months ago.

At the time, they decided that Badawey would set the agenda for the event, because he's participated in

the annual luncheon since the first was held in 2008 at the Day's Inn on Welland's Niagara St.



Barry Sharpe

mayor was invited to the next luncheon a year later. And this year, the event was expanded to include Niagara Falls' mayor.

Although Niagara Falls isn't

quite as far south as Welland and Pelham, Badawey says Diodati was invited for several reasons, including his community's designation — along with Fort Erie — as a gateway economic zone.

"With the gateway economic zone being Fort Erie and Niagara Falls, and the gateway economic centre being Welland and Port Colborne ... it just makes sense to start talking as one voice together."

Tickets for the event are \$20 each for chambers members, or \$25 for non-members.

They can be reserved by calling 905-732-7515.

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■ **COURT:** Firebomb incident

Port Colborne man to be represented by top gun lawyer

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — A Port Colborne man facing a number of charges, including carrying use of a firearm, will be back in

court on March 2. Ian Thomson, 53, is alleged to have fired a handgun on the morning of Aug. 22, 2010, in an attempt to ward off three suspects who were allegedly firebombing his home at 3499

Snider Rd., Port Colborne. Thomson was in a Welland courtroom Wednesday morning and had his case remanded so his lawyer Edward Burlew, who was not present, could review disclosure evidence

from the Crown.

Burlew, from Thornhill, has 30 years' experience as a lawyer and is self-described as Canada's top gun specialty lawyer. He represents gun clubs and individuals facing licensing problems and charged with gun offences.

Burlew was interviewed about the case by a website called www.daily360.com. Video of the interview can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=3L4u0NpY0A. The video includes what is pre-

sented as part of the attack at 6:04 of the clip.

At the time of the incident, Niagara Regional Police said Thomson had been alerted by the sound of glass breaking against the side of his home at about 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 22.

Security cameras at the home filmed three masked individuals throwing Molotov cocktails and yelling threats.

Police couldn't confirm the number of Molotov cocktails used at the scene, although a source said there were up to

six.

Only three were thrown at the home. The purported video clip of the incident shows one of the firebombs landing inside a dog pen with one dog in a cage and another coming into view near the flames.

When Thomson went outside his home, he is alleged to have fired off a warning shot or shots to scare off the three men.

When the incident, he was charged by Niagara Regional Police and the Crown laid three additional charges against him when he appeared in court in late November.

Two men were arrested in December in connection with the incident. Randy Weaver, 48, of Port Colborne, and Justin Lee, 19, of Welland, were each charged with arson disregard for human life. A third suspect is being sought.

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■ MINOR HOCKEY: Win Bracebridge AE Tournament

Port Colborne Bantam Sailors on a tear

For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — The Port Colborne Bantam Sailors, a house league team, went into Christmas break leading the Niagara District Local League, with a record of 13-1-1.

They entered the Bracebridge Bantam AE Tournament Dec. 18 with only nine skaters and a goalie, determined to see if they can have similar success outside of Niagara.

In game one, they blanked Markham 7-0 earning Brenton Pyke-Day his fifth shutout of the season. Banner got a hit-trick.

Next up was a tournament skills competition. The Sailors won 2 of the categories. Buccilli, Saltarelli, Terreberry and Thewles won the relay race and Thewles won the puck handling competition.

In game 2 they lost to Bracebridge 4-1 as injuries plagued them in the last two periods that shortened the bench even more, however with hard efforts from Eros and Williams they managed to win a period, and the points to place them in the final championship game.

With just two forward lines and three defensemen, they took the ice.



They were a tired team and took full advantage of the couple hours before the championship game. In the dressing McGowan inspired the team to forget the last game and play "our game".

With just two forward lines and three defensemen, they took the ice.

Knowing Bracebridge

would be over confident, scoring first and scoring big was the objective. Saltarelli a doubtful starter for game 3, came through and netted the first two goals and then Thewles rushed up ice from defence and made it 3-0 forcing Bracebridge to take their only timeout. Bracebridge, a good team and with a full

bench battled back and aggressively took control of the game. In the 2nd period they got a goal in the first minute.

Strong defense and goal-tending by Pyke-Day kept Port in the game and then a timely goal midway in the period by Kovachik making it 4-1 reversed the momentum

and put the wind back in the sails for Port.

Halfway through the 3rd Thewles got another goal. A huge 2-man penalty kill by Kovachik and Buccilli with tough defence by Terreberry and McGowan kept Bracebridge scoreless in the final frame. Banner and Buccilli (who had a four point

night) scored in the final minutes with Eros, Banner and Williams all contributing to the final score of 7-1 and winning the AE Tournament Championship. The boys are to be commended for their focus, determination and fair play as tournament games go, it was a rough game and a well deserved win.

Supplied photo
Back row from left: Mike Kovachik (coach), Stephen Williams (trainer), Tim McGowan (manager); middle row, from left: Michael Williams, Jacob Kovachik, Mitchell Eros, Jacob Saltarelli, Braiden Buccilli, Troy Terreberry; and front row, from left: Robert Thewles, Jordan Banner, Dallas McGowan, Brenton Pyke-Day. Missing from the tournament and photo were Kyle Scott, Shad Robinson, John Weaver and Travis Bell.

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■ **JOB:** Says highway would help Niagara

Hudak wants to revive mid-pen highway

GRANT LAFLECHE
QMI Agency

ST. CATHARINES — It's the would-be highway that just won't die.

After fading out of public

debate since the summer after a provincial study concluded it wasn't necessary, the mid-penninsula highway might make a comeback in the run up to the next Ontario election.

"I want to revive the mid-penninsula corridor," said Tim Hudak, Niagara West-Glanbrook MPP and leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party. "It would create badly needed jobs

and economic growth for the region."

Hudak raised the issue of the controversial highway, proposed to link Port Erie to the Greater Toronto Area through the southern peninsula, last week while talking about his priorities in 2011.

Ontario was once a powerful economic engine, he said, but now it's losing steam. The highway would not only create jobs, he said, but create

a vital transportation link for the region and the province.

The notion had support from some Niagara politicians and business leaders, but in the summer a draft study by the Ministry of Transportation said the four-lane super-highway won't be necessary for at least 20 years and suggested expanding existing highways instead.

Liberal St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley poured

cold water on Hudak's idea Wednesday.

"We've invested heavily into the expansion of the QEW to improve transportation in Niagara," Bradley said. "I think the report indicated clearly we don't need a new highway right now."

Walter Sendzik, general manager of the St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce and longtime supporter of the proposed highway, said there was little point in using the project as a "political football."

"We do need the highway. It will create economic opportunities (for Port Colborne and Port Erie)," he said. "But the report is right. I mean, how many millions has the government already spent on the QEW? Our view has been build what can be built now, in five to seven years, and go from there."

Sendzik said instead of trying to push the corridor through quickly, the best course of action is to first link Hwy. 406 to the Canada-U.S. border near Port Erie.

Seeing how that link impacts transportation patterns will be critical in understanding what kind of new highways might be needed, he said. And even if building the mid-penninsula highway is the best possible solution, it cannot be built quickly.

"Any mega-project, and that is what this is, takes time. It is a long-term project that can take 25 years," he said. "It takes a long time for planning and development and funding and full environmental assessments."

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■ **PRODUCTIVE:** Owners lay out concerns with township staff

Skydive Burnaby owners meet with mayor

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Skydive Burnaby owner Mike Pitt feels a meeting with township staff and Mayor April Jeffs last week was productive in addressing his concerns about a planned wind farm west of the parachute club on Burnaby Rd.

"We had a good response from the mayor and staff," said Pitt, who was accompanied by his co-owner wife, Tara, at the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by Wainfleet chief administrative officer Scott Luey and township planner Grant Munday.

"They said they are sympathetic to us and don't want to see our business go away. We bring a lot of people to Wainfleet and are a major attraction," Pitt said.

His club, which has between 150 and 200 members, will have up to 5,000 jumps made over the summer, with 2,700 of those being tandem jumps by first-time skydivers.

The club also has charity groups come in and perform jumps to raise funds. Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre Foundation has held the Partners in the Sky event there for the past 10 years.

The Pitts have owned the club

for the past 11 years and Mike worked as a volunteer on the board of directors for 10 years before that.

"I've been packing parachutes here since I was 10 years old," he said.

The couple is concerned jumpers from the club could become entangled in the towers or blades of the turbines as they will drift through the wind farm area at times when they jump west of the field. They have also made their concerns known to IPC Energy, which will be developing the farm for Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc., owned by the Loeflein family.

"We were told there are some things out of the township's hands," Pitt said.

The mayor said the province's Green Energy Act ties the township's hands when it comes to the proposed project.

"All we can do is make comments on it," she said.

Despite having spoken with the Pitts on the phone about their concerns, the mayor said she wanted to meet them face to face on the issue and get staff involved.

Jeffs said many Skydive Burnaby patrons have e-mailed the township with their comments over the proposed wind turbine towers.

"We are replying to them and are encouraging them to read their comments to IPC as well."

A public meeting will be held Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in township hall.

"It's a chance for the public to

comment and we'll include them when we make our submission to the province."

The Pitts were at council Tuesday to ask for a moratorium on wind farms in the township and

will hold a meeting Jan. 15, at 10 a.m., at Brethren-in Christ Church, 10641 Hwy. 3. MPP Peter Kormos is expected to be at that meeting.

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■ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Annual awards

Nominations opened

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The awards are handed out each year at the chamber's President's Awards Reception, sponsored by Grant Thornton LLP. This

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Past youth citizen of the year winners include Kaitlin Saxton, Charlene Hartwick and Matthew Flagg; past citizen of the year winners include Jane Nigh, Brent Kovach and Jane Peagan and past business of the year winners include

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For nomination forms and criteria contact the chamber at 78 Main Street W., Port Colborne, call 905-834-9765 or visit the website at www.pcwchamber.com.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Jan. 28.

■ CONSOLATION CHAMPIONS



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A Port Colborne peewee hockey team travelled to Glanbrook over the Christmas holidays for the tournament and came away as Peewee Consolation Champions. Back row, from left: Len Carthew, Rob Green, Liam Cain, Alex Orlovski, Evan Alfieri, Dante Santarella, Adam Augustine, Joel Gagnon, Andreas DeChellis, Rob Beauregard; middle row from left: Nick Cadwell, Joey Buccilli, Nik Beauregard, Emily Puchalski, Adam Poehlin; and front row from left: Tyler Carthew, Chris Orlovski, Tim Hoyle and Julie Puchalski.



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■ JUNIOR B HOCKEY

Pirates fall short

BERNARD COOPER
For InPort NEWS

PORT COLBORNE — The struggle continues to start the year for the Port Colborne Pirates.

After dropping a 4-3 decision in overtime to the Welland Junior Canadians before about 1,000 fans Saturday night at Westside Arena, the junior ice hockey team also fell short on their home ice the following afternoon with a 5-2 loss to the Thorold Blackhawks.

Port Colborne played well in the first period of Sunday's game, opening the scoring 1:10 into the game and knocking the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference game 2-2 early in the second period.

After that, it was all Thorold, as the frustrated Pirates had no answer for the Blackhawks who scored

three unanswered goals, including one while playing shorthanded.

"We just had a couple breakdowns in our own end, and we couldn't score in the 2-on-1," Port Colborne head coach Keith Osborne said.

Chris Langdon, a defenceman newly acquired from the Fort Erie Meteors, opened the scoring for the Pirates and the Welland drew a season-high attendance to Westside Arena, thanks to Royal LePage which sponsored the game by covering the cost of admission.

Carson Minor scored the other goal for Port Colborne while Jamie Tyminski had two goals for the Hawks, as did Paul Sirignano, whose second came with his team a man down. Miles MacLean rounded out the scoring for the visitors.

A feisty, hard-fought, back-and-forth battle wasn't decided until overtime when Craig Laliberte's second goal of the night, this one coming on the power play with the Pirates called for having too

many men on the ice, gave the visitors their third victory in four games in this season's head-to-head series.

"It was a great game. We just took a bad line change and Welland scored off of the penalty. I was happy with the way the team played," Osborne said.

Notes: Saturday's Battle of Hwy. 58 skirmish against Welland drew a season-high attendance to Westside Arena, thanks to Royal LePage which sponsored the game by covering the cost of admission.

JOE CSEH of InPortNews Photo Welland Junior Canadians defenceman Jeremy Beresh, foreground, keeps his eye on a loose puck while Port Colborne Pirates forward Dillon River, right, looks on in junior B Hockey Saturday night at Westside Arena in Port Colborne.



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PUPO'S

Corner of Maple Ave. and Prince Charles Drive

SPECIALS in effect Fri. January 14th to closing Thurs. January 20th, 2011 • OPEN SAT. 8-6, SUN. 10-5, MON., TUES. 9-6, THURS.-FRI. 9-9

FRESH AIR CHILLED BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREASTS

1/2 PRICE

3.99 lb.

CUT FROM ONTARIO AA AND AAA BEEF
NORWICH PACKERS CORN FED BEEF

EXTRA LEAN GROUND BEEF

SAVE \$4.50

2.99 lb.

DELI SPECIALS

SMOKED BLACK FOREST HAM 1/2 lb. **2.99**

SMOKED STRING TIE ROAST PORK 1/2 lb. **4.99**

SMOKED MOZZARELLA CHEESE 1/2 lb. **4.99**

CORN MEAL PORK BACKS PEAMEAL BACON 1 lb. **2.99**

PUPO'S HOT OR MILD ITALIAN SAUSAGE 1 lb. **3.99**

CUT FROM ONTARIO AA AND AAA BEEF NORWICH PACKERS CORN FED BEEF

BONELESS CAPSIN TOP SIRLOIN ROAST

1/2 PRICE

3.99 lb.

PUPO'S BAKERY

FRESH BAKED BATARD BREAD

SAVE 69¢

\$1 275g

FRESH ONTARIO PORK IDEAL FOR PULLED PORK

SHOULDER BUTT ROAST

1/2 PRICE

1.49 lb.

D'ITALIANO BREAD

675 g loaf

2/\$4

BRAVO SPAGHETTI SAUCE

680ml. can

1/2 PRICE

79¢

12 can limit

GATORADE

710 ml bottle

\$1

ROBIN HOOD FLOUR

10 KG BAG

9.99

2 BAG LIMIT

GREEN GIANT FROZEN

Japanese Nite, California Nite, Baby Blend, Beas and Carrot

400/500g bag

2/\$4

BREYER'S COOKIE JAR ICE CREAM

1.66 litre carton

1/2 PRICE

3.99

CLOVERLEAF FLAKED LIGHT TUNA

170g can

\$1

CHRISTIE'S THINSACTIONS

2/\$5

Classic ELITE PREMIUM 2-PLY BATHROOM TISSUE

1600/1300

4.99

1600/1300

Breyer's 100 CALORIE CHOCOLATE SANDWICH in COOKIES & CREAM CUPS

2.99

OCEAN SPRAY CRABPASTRY COCKTAIL

3/\$10

RAINBOW PACK SWEET PEPPERS \$2.99 LB.

NO. 1 GRADE MOROCCAN CLEMENTINES

3.99

5 LB. BAG

NO. 1 GRADE ONTARIO WHITE POTATOES

1.99

10 LB. BAG

NO. 1 GRADE MEXICAN ENGLISH CUCUMBERS

\$1

EA.

CALIFORNIA SEEDLESS ORANGES

3.99

DOZ.

LOCALLY PRODUCED APPLE CIDER

3.99

3 LT JUG

EXTRA FANCY ONTARIO MUTSU APPLES

\$1

LB.

NO. 1 GRADE ONTARIO CABBAGE

1.29

EA.

NO. 1 GRADE ONTARIO RUTABAGAS

49¢

LB.

■ QUICK LOOK: 2011 Kia Optima hybrid

Optima jumps into hybrid segment

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The all-new 2011 Kia Optima midsize sedan line-up jumps into the market with three models, including Kia's first ever hybrid.

Besides competing with more established players (thanks to a parallel Hybrid system), the new Optima Hybrid gets some unique features — a lithium polymer battery and the ability to drive in electric mode up to highway speeds.

The benefits of the lithium polymer battery are realized mostly in weight and size, with the 30 kWh battery pack weighing just 63.5 kg (about 96 lbs.), or about 12.7 kg or 28 lbs. less than the nickel metal hydride battery pack in the Toyota Camry. That allowed Kia engineers to not take up as much of the car's cargo space (though it still loses a slight folding rear seat).

The Optima's electric motor is also separated from the transmission, which allows Kia to use existing components (such as the six-speed automatic) rather than developing new, unique purpose ones. That should translate into better cost efficiencies, but will also allow the flexibility of adding more powerful motors for improved electric usage down the road.

Electric assist for the steering insures turning assist is available during electric mode driving (most systems are hydraulically powered off the engine so when the engine is shut down, there wouldn't be any assist available). The air conditioning is also electrically driven so it works when the engine isn't running and it also takes the load off the engine, resulting in an economy improvement.

The 2.4 litre engine has been modified to run on an Atkinson cycle, improving compression by 20% and reducing fuel usage by 10%.

The resultant loss in torque is more than made up for by the electric motor.

Physical changes on the Optima Hybrid include a lowered eye height, new grille and headlamp design, 16-inch wheels, bumper and side sill changes, taillamp design and a rear spoiler. Underbody aero tuning, lower drag wheels and low rolling resistance tires,



Fact file: 2011 Kia Optima Hybrid

MSRP range: Est. \$28,000

Notable options: 17-inch alloy wheels; Panoramic sunroof; heated and cooled front seats; heated rear seats; heated steering wheel; navigation system with rear camera; premium sound system.

Powertrain: 2.4L 4-cyl. with 30 kWh electric motor (net 206 hp/195 lb.-ft.).

Transmission: 6-spd auto with sequential shift.

Fuel (capacity): Regular (65L).

Battery (capacity): Lithium polymer (5.3 Ampere hours)

Fuel economy ratings (L/100km): Est. 6.5 city/5.9 hwy.

Warranties: Exp. 5 years/100,000 km (comprehensive); 8 years/160,000 km (hybrid components)

Competitors: Chevrolet Malibu; Ford Fusion; Hyundai Sonata; Nissan Altima; Toyota Camry.

and an active air flap system all contribute to a reduced coefficient of drag (just 0.26), which contributes to improved economy.

The Hybrid is derived from the Optima LX trim level with automatic transmission. An extensive list of standard features includes power driver's seat, dual zone climate control, keyless entry and push button start, leather wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, and the new expected added noise to alert pedestrians to its approach when it's travelling in electric mode.

A Premium Technology Package adds a panoramic sunroof, unique 17-inch alloy wheels, power front passenger's seat, driver's seat memory, heated and cooled front seats, heated rear seats and steering wheel, HID headlamps with automatic levelling, a navigation system with back-up camera and SIRIUS Traffic, and a premium sound system.